

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE
MERIT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY-B**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2006. The meeting was held in the Production Room at the Hotel Helix, 1430 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Dr. John M. Chirgwin, presided over the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John M. Chirgwin, Ph.D.
Yousef Abu-Amer, Ph.D.
Stephen Harris, Ph.D.

Robert L. Jilka, Ph.D.
Dean T. Yamaguchi, M.D., Ph.D.

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Robert W. Downs, Jr., M.D., Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Robert Faccio, Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Xu Feng, Ph.D., University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
Merry Jo Oursler, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN
Paul C. Schiller, Ph.D., VA Medical Center, Miami, FL

VACO STAFF PRESENT

Leroy Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development
Zafar Iqbal, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for Endocrinology-B,
Research and Development
Brenda Bean, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Lisa Holmes, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

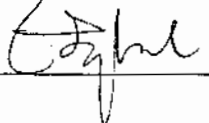
Dr. Iqbal welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their cooperation. He highlighted the written guidelines for each scoring category and asked the members to use descriptors for evaluating the merit, rather than a single number. Dr. Iqbal stressed the need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements addressing significance, approach, and feasibility as they are the only basis of an appeal. Dr. Frey also reminded the Subcommittee of the VA policies of confidentiality and conflict of interest.

The date of May 14, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 16 Merit Review Programs.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information.

SUBMITTED:

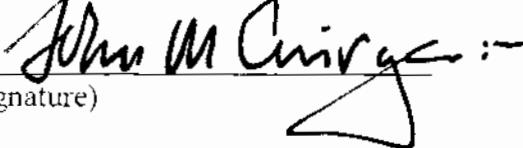


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ZAFAR IQBAL, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager

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APPROVED:



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JOHN M. CHIRGWIN., PH.D.
Chairperson

3/12/07
(Date)